

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-16, and 19-27 have been presented for examination in the above-identified U.S. Patent application.

Claims 1-3, 6-16, and 19-27 have been rejected in the
5 Office Action dated August 13, 2004.

Claims 1-3, 6-16, and 19-27 are still in the application and reconsideration of the application is hereby respectfully requested.

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Referring to Paragraph 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 14, 15, 19, 23, and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,598,560 issued in the name of Benson (hereinafter referred to as
15 Benson) in view of U.S. Patent 6,151,702 issued in the name of Overturf et al (hereinafter referred to as Overturf). The rejection will be considered for Claims 1, 14, and 27, the independent Claims of the Application. In the present Amendment B, Claims 1, 14, and 27 have been amended so that a
20 visual comparison allows the user to directly interact with the translation elements.

The Overturf reference, has been cited by Examiner as disclosing the use of a comparison to correct the (equivalent)
25 of the translation elements. Referring to Col. 5, lines 25-28 is found, "Any errors or ambiguities encountered during the translation process result in entries to the error list 13. Any errors or problems which result in entries to the error list 13 are resolved interactively by the user, discussed
30 infra." The "infra" of this statement is described in Col.

6, lines 11-16 which states that "If, at decision block 55, a
flagged statement is selected, the corresponding errors are
displayed at block 57 along with user selectable options to
resolve the errors. If an option is selected by the user at
5 decision block 59, the selected option is executed at block 61
and control returns to block 47." While other somewhat more
ambiguous language can be found in the Overturf reference,
such language is consistent with the foregoing cited portions
of the reference. In addition, the Overturf reference appears
10 to be mainly concerned with the translation of data
structures, a somewhat more structured process than the
translation of a program into a different language.

Comparing the Overturf reference with the disclosure of
15 the present Application, the procedures of the present
Application do not involve an error list. Nor does the user
in the Claims of the present Application rely on options
provided by the translation process. The user in the claimed
invention can directly change the translation elements as the
20 result of visual comparison without the assistance of an error
list and the selection of associated and displayed options.
As a consequence, the Benson/Overturf reference requires
structures that the present invention does not and involves
more than a visual comparison to correct the translation
25 elements.

Note that these differences are not a matter of design
choice. In the Benson/Overturf reference, the interaction
between the initial elements and the translation elements must
30 be clearly defined. In the translation of a program from one
language to another in the manner envisioned by the present
invention, the errors may not even be defined, but the
ambiguities of translation must be understood without

prompting by the user. The interpretation of the Overturf reference in the manner suggested by Examiner requires an overlay of the teaching of the present Application on the imprecise language of the reference.

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In view of the foregoing discussion and amendments, Claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 3, and 6-13, dependent there from, are believed to be in condition for allowance for that reason

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In view of the foregoing discussion and amendments, Claim 14 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 15, 16, 19-26, dependent therefrom, are believed to be in condition for allowance for that reason.

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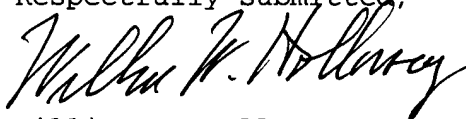
Therefore, rejection of Claims 1-3, 6-16, and 19-27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benson in view of Overturf and/or in further view of U.S. Patent 5,933,641 issued in the name of Ma is respectfully traversed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and the foregoing
5 discussion, it is believed that Claims 1-3, 6-16, and 19-27
are now in condition for allowance and allowance of Claims 1-
3, 6-16, and 19-27 is hereby respectfully requested.

Should any matters remain that can be resolved by a
10 telephonic interview, Examiner is invited to contact the
undersigned attorney at the designated telephone number.

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